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BOTTOM SPOT in Division One after only eight games played is a far from ideal start to the season. But keep in perspective the fact that Derby are only three points adrift of seventh placed Middlesbrough, two away from Liverpool in ninth spot.

Of the eight teams Rams have played in the League up to this morning **FIVE** are in the top seven, two more are in the top half, and only West Brom are in the lower reaches. Palace, Manchester United and Southampton are all in the first four.

Today's visitors Bolton are the only opposition since the first day of the season who have stuttered over the first leg of the race.

It's worth remembering that on a day when most of the stragglers are away to the pacemakers. A win over Wanderers today would take Derby County away from the bottom for sure.

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COLIN ADDISON could have hoped for a kinder fixture card as it has turned out, and the League computer's decision to match Rams twice with the biting Wolves in the first ten fixtures is now a sour, as well as a puzzling, reality. Next Tuesday's match at Molyneux is yet another severe test of character.

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LAST WEEK-END'S *Sunday People* said that missing stars didn't pass as a genuine excuse for the 4-0 thrashing at Southampton "as only Daly and Rioch were out through injury." True, but then Roy McFarland missed the whole of the second half. Mr. Addison inherited so few players of genuine class, authority and experience that missing them provides not an excuse, but a genuine mountain to climb.

As the *Derby Telegraph Football Special* said on Saturday "There is no point in moaning about injuries, but the Rams are due for a change of fortune in this respect." And that was **BEFORE** McFarland was lost yet again.

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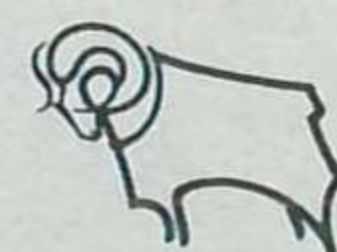
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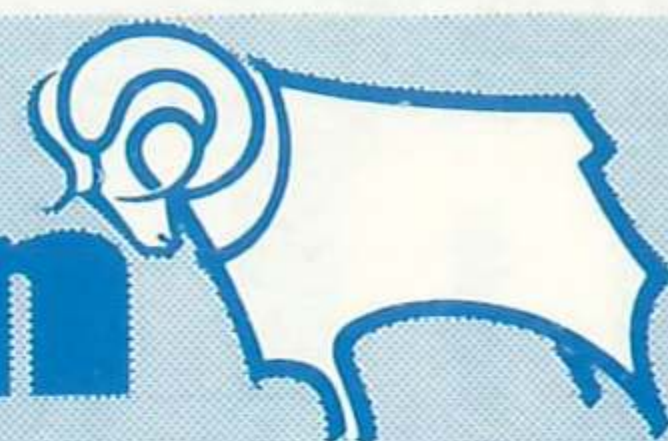


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COLIN'S Column



Let others make excuses, I prefer to deal in facts . . .

I'M GLAD others are saying it for me, because I find no consolation in bemoaning the severe injury glut that has faced us from the start of the season. It's made a difference to our start, and I'm relieved the critics are pointing it out.

Because injuries are part and parcel of the game, of every club, it is only rarely that I recourse to them as an explanation. But few people would deny we have lost points because of the injury glut.

I'm not saying we'd be anywhere but below the halfway line had we been able to field a settled side, because we had problems of strengthening to face from before the start. It is the vital positions which the injuries have affected, and the people who have been injured, that have been the biggest blows.

Not having Steve Powell to start with cost us midfield bite. The loss from the middle of the park of attacking players like the classy Gerry Daly and the highly experienced Bruce Rioch, were severe blows, as has been the absence of John Duncan from the attack on occasion. But the latest loss of Roy McFarland, at his fittest the best centre half in England, and superb every time he has been able to play this season, is the body blow of them all.

I did say that I had been negotiating for a young player to join Roy in central defence, now I must find a class player able to knit and mould from the back in the Roy Mac fashion, because we have looked far from steady whenever Roy has been

missing. Last Saturday's 4-nil defeat at Southampton was directly attributable to his absence, and the fact that an ankle knock slowed down Steve Powell, who is another key man we can ill afford to lose.

It's been a stunning chapter of accidents on the "never-rains-but-it-pours" theme, far more severe in its nature than the general run of injury expectation but, I gather, rather par for the course as far as the experience of Derby County has been concerned on the injury front in the last three years or so. We're due for some luck, and never did we need it as now.

Having said all that, let me assure you we aren't going to drop our heads in our hands, bemoaning the fates. We're going to get hard down to work to redress the balance. Hard work can do a lot towards changing the luck, and there is no doubt that our recent performances, until Southampton, suggested an upward turn in our fortunes. We want a performance today, we MUST have it.

Our new players are settling in well, and we look forward to Ivan Katalinic's work permit allowing him to play for us soon, to stimulate the competition in goal where it all starts. You can be sure that behind the scenes John Newman and I are working hard to

bring in at least one more new player one way or another.

If we can survive these blows, stick at the task, we might well find the players all the better for fighting to overcome the setbacks. It's happened before, and must happen again . . . HERE.

What I want most of all, though, is to send out eleven men at 3 o'clock and see those same eleven men fit and well battling away out there at the final whistle. That really would be a bonus!



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"I STAND BY MY PRINCIPLES," COLIN ADDISON SAID

FASCINATING behind-the-scenes glimpses of the man and the manager, his motives and his morality, were given by Colin Addison in his talks a fortnight ago to the shareholders at the club's adjourned annual general meeting, and to the supporters of South Peak branch at Matlock.

His insistence that League managers should have principles, and stand by them, impressed so did his clear appraisal of what he and John Newman had to do to achieve success at the Baseball Ground.

He surprised some by admitting he might have conducted a £500,000 transfer, involving an unnamed member of his first team pool, in a part exchange. But the clarity which brought impressive debutant Steve Emery to Derby from Hereford, and the vision which re-introduced the matured Roger Davies, shone through.

As did the integrity with which he responded to Q.P.R.'s request for a lower transfer fee to accommodate the personal terms they could offer Steve Wicks. The manager said that he had told Q.P.R. to tell "Wicksey" to report back to the Baseball Ground on Saturday morning to play for the Reserves! Wicks signed, with no lowering of the fee. "I stand by my principles," Mr. Addison said.

It is an open secret that he has received offers and inquiries for members of his first team squad, most of whom he prefers to keep. It is no secret, either, that Mr. Addison is prepared to sacrifice at least one in order to strengthen his squad overall.

"I am still in business for a young striker", he admitted "and we need to add a good

young one to the centre of our defence." alongside Roy McFarland."

Things are taking shape, that's obvious from the interest in the activities of Colin and his strong side-kick John Newman that the city and county are taking. Some smiled when we said on the front cover of our last issue that the club was stirring again, but there is no doubt that it is.

If you remain in doubt go listen to the Duo at the Heanor branch "Meet the Managers" night at Heanor Miners' Welfare on October 18 (8 pm). You'll find it difficult not to be intrigued and impressed.

Mr. Addison plans regular visits to meet supporters. "They pay our wages, so it is vital that they know what I am thinking, and I know what they are thinking", he says.

HOW LONG?

MAYBE you are wondering how long it will be before Yugoslav goalkeeper Ivan Katalinic is available to play for Derby County, despite the fact he signed two weeks ago. The fact is his registration will not, and cannot, be accepted by the League before he gets a Work Permit from the Ministry of Labour.

They will not issue one until they are convinced Rams did everything possible to sign a goalkeeper of equivalent calibre in Britain, that his wages will be not less than the lowest paid in the first team pool, and that

UNIQUE?

MEET Derby County's unique supporter... the one man who has it written into his contract of employment that he is to be released every week-end so that he can see his favourite team play. And that he is flown back to East Midlands airport to do so.



Obviously I can't be certain that Rik Liggett of South Wingfield is unique, but I'm willing to bet he is. Rik is an international management consultant with W.D. Scotts Ltd., based in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee. He travels up by train on Sunday afternoons, flies back Friday evenings.

"It gets tiring, but I've been a Rams fan since I started watching them 35 years ago during the war, and I want it to stay that way. My home is still in South Wingfield where my wife wants to live, too."

So for the last eight years, six of them working in Northern Ireland, Rik has had a unique clause in his contract of employment.

That, in my book, makes a very special Rams fan indeed.

STRANGE SIGHT



No annual general meeting of Derby County F.C. Ltd., it seems, has ever before been adjourned sine die as it was this year (see this page). And it's years since shareholders flocked round a manager asking for his autograph. But it happened to Colin Addison a fortnight ago, and my picture shows Chairman Mr. Richard Moore leading Colin away from the pen-session so that he could answer questions from the meeting. Just another example of how much impression the man has made in his short time among us.

at least two from the Professional Footballers' Association, The Football League and The Football Association, approve of his coming here.

And even then, it's not certain. Derby have then to go to Yugoslavia to get the approval of the national and local football associations over there, and then have to get Bank of England approval to send the sterling out of the country to pay the transfer fee to Hadjuk Split.

That's it in a nutshell, but the whole intriguing saga which has to be faced when a club signs a foreign national appears in the current *Ram Monthly* now on sale at newsagents, priced 20 pence.

ADJOURNMENT

DERBY COUNTY'S annual general meeting was adjourned sine die on September 20 following the overwhelming acceptance of a seconded resolution put to the meeting shortly after the start by Mr. John Kirkland.

The resolution stated: "In view of the difficulties which have arisen in the preparation of the accounts for the year ending May 31, 1979, resulting from the police investigations, and the reservations which the directors have felt it necessary to endorse on the accounts, I propose that this meeting should be adjourned sine die and resumed after the police investigation has been concluded."

The accounts were received, but not approved by the meeting, thus complying with the demands of the Companies Act.

Secretary Talking



Michael Dunford

THE FRIENDLY match here on Wednesday, October 24, 7.30 p.m., sees the first appearance in these parts of an American League side, so it is worthy of note for that, though we acknowledge that the days of the friendly match as well as the Testimonial as we knew it, are numbered.

Tulsa, who are on tour in Europe, asked for the game as part of the Roger Davies transfer back to us from them. In order to stimulate your interest in a time of turmoil on the industrial front in the city, the club is trying to project the match as one for the family. Be sure, for example, there will be no hooligan intrusion, and it could be just the night to taste what the Baseball Ground has to offer.

So everyone who comes through the turnstiles for today's match against Bolton has received a voucher which will entitle him or her to go anywhere in the Baseball Ground, including all stand seats, for just £1.00 at the Tulsa game. In addition, all Junior Rams, who show their current membership cards, will be admitted free to all parts. All other juniors will be required to

pay only 50p for admission to any part.

The Tulsa visit provides us with an ideal opportunity to push football as a family entertainment, and we are furthering this idea with another experiment. From now on at all League matches, we are turning the Normanton terracing into an exclusive family viewing area. If a man brings his child with him through Turnstile 19 they will both be able to go in for a joint charge of £2.00—safe in the knowledge that that area is exclusive. The children's enclosure remains, where the entrance price is 60p.

Turnstile 16 will be reserved for Normanton terrace season ticket holders and for Junior Rams who, showing their current membership cards, will be admitted for 60p.

The overall aim is a safe viewing area for dads, mums and children . . . where they can stand together . . . and for young Junior Rams on their own, whom their parents are anxious about when they leave for a match. Normanton terrace is the place for them.

I CAN NOW give you more details of the ten-week course involving the presentation of the world of professional football at a League club by Derby County personnel,

which starts at the Sinfon Community Centre, Derby, on Monday next from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

It will run every Monday night until December 12, except for Monday, October 22, which is half-term. Speakers at what looks like being a fascinating "inside" series include manager Colin Addison and his assistant John Newman, who will both concentrate on their jobs, with an accent on what they are now trying to do at the Baseball Ground. Physiotherapist Gordon Guthrie will give an insight into football injuries and their treatment, Stuart Robinson will talk about his important fund-raising role as the Commercial Executive, and explain how Derby County Promotions are run, and where the cash goes. I will detail the behind-the-scenes administrative activities which are essential to a well-ordered League club.

Players? Yes, Roy McFarland and Bruce Rioch will each be the lecturers on separate Mondays.

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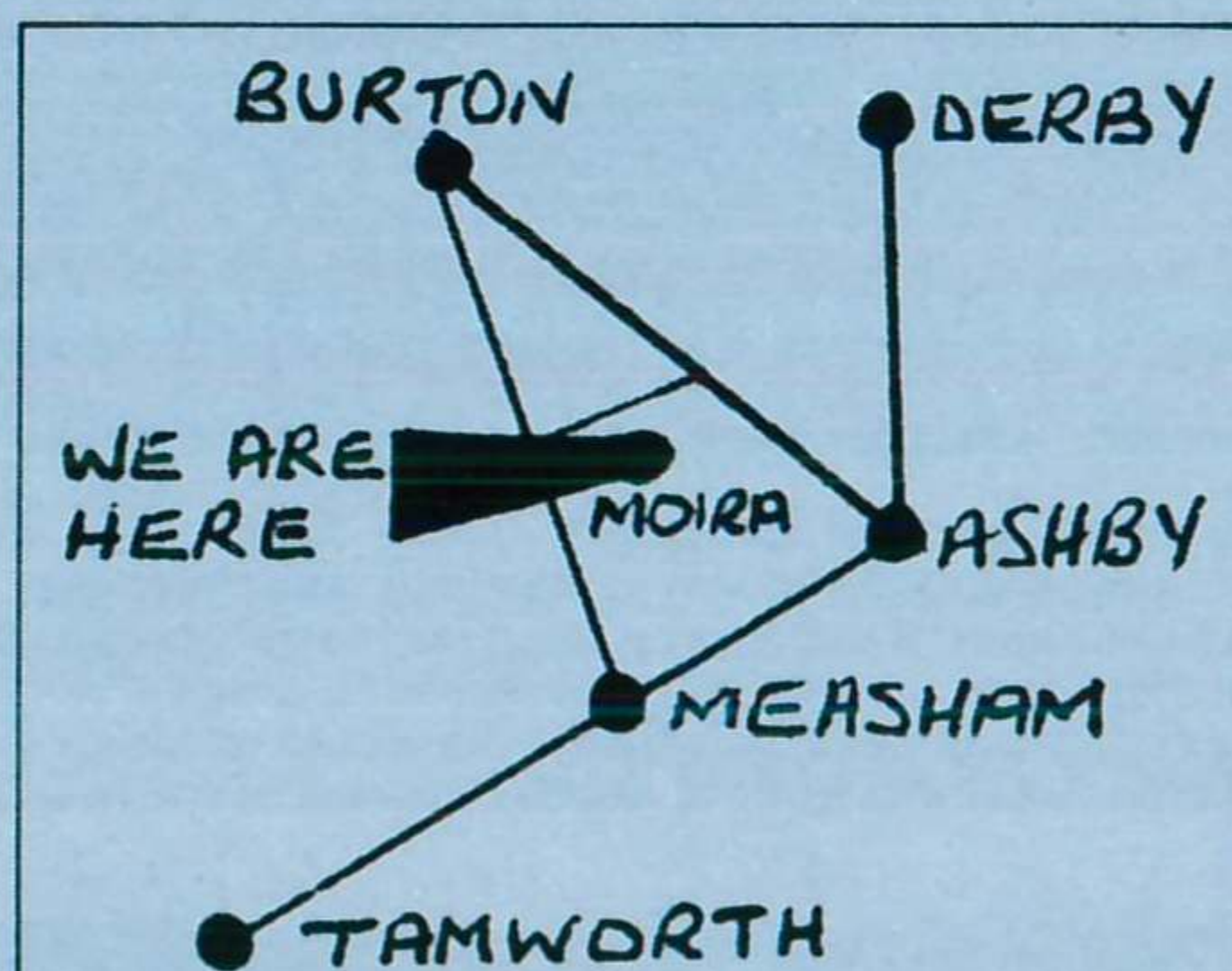
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IN PROFILE...

STEVE BUCKLEY

EVER SINCE he arrived from Luton Town at the beginning of last year, Steve Buckley has turned in a series of sound, determined displays at left back without getting the Man of the Match award from as many journalists as he did after his last game here against Middlesbrough.

"I've always been strong, and I've always been best going forward. But I tended to leave openings behind me in my rush upfield, and I could have improved the end product into the opposing area", says Steve, who believes he is playing better than at any time in his career.

"The boss and John Newman have been working on my positioning, have made me aware of my defensive responsibilities and have shown me how to cover when David Langan is crashing up-field on the right.

"I find myself thinking about the game more, though not consciously. When your coach is talking real tactical sense into you, then you begin to see it all unfold out there on the pitch. The team has a pattern now, and people are doing things and going into positions which I can expect and even anticipate. It's easier for all of us".

Steve argues that he can get better, HE says "a lot better." He agrees he has improved under the new management, and is eager to do even better. "I have strength and stamina and I am finding skills I didn't think I had, which is a bit of a pleasant surprise. I have always enjoyed my football but never as much as now, and I'm still looking for block-busting shots."

He gives the winning goal against Middlesbrough here a fortnight ago as an example. "There I was going forward a few yards inside their half near the touchline, when I see Roger Davies going towards space at the far post, and instinctively I hit a long ball for him to climb up to. Big Rog reaches it, nods it down, and there is John Duncan to slide it home for the winner. I wasn't half pleased with that, and with the man of the match award from so many reporters."

We suggest that that first one isn't going to be the last. Not by a long way.



Dressing room exercises before kick-off

STEVE IS RESTLESS an hour or so before a match. "I start twitching, twiddling my thumbs and scratching if I try just to sit around in the dressing room waiting for the minutes to tick by. So I keep myself occupied by doing exercises. Movements which don't get me into anybody's way, but vigorous enough to get the blood flowing, and my nerve ends otherwise engaged." Otherwise he has no superstitions, and no pre-match routines. Like most of Derby's current squad, he eats very little before a game. He gets up around 10.30 on Saturday mornings to a breakfast of tea and toast, and loves to watch the mid-day soccer round-ups on the telly. For lunch he has a poached egg and more tea. Afterwards . . . "nothing tastes as lovely as a pint of beer," says the very moderate drinking Steve.

PHOTOFILE -

RAMS 1 BORO 0

Their own rhythm disrupted when Gerry Daly was lost to midfield with injury after 20 minutes, Rams were always in control, without ever dominating as they did in the League Cup. And they took advantage when Boro lost centre half Billy Ashcroft soon after the break, to pile on the pressure. Only to be defied by a brilliant keeper in Jim Platt, until Roger Davies climbed gracefully to a far post cross from Steve Buckley to nod down for John Duncan to slide the ball home. It still took four quite fantastic saves from an equally brilliant John Middleton to earn both points, though.



John Duncan fastens on to a brilliantly headed "nod-on" from Roger Davies (on the grass at the right of the picture) to slide home the winner.



It was a brilliant return debut for "old boy" Roger Davies. He made the goal, hit a post and had several near misses, including this one when Jim Platt made a tremendous diving save at his feet.

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MY SUPER STAR

Why does he do it to himself? Nearly forty and he is cleaning his football boots as if he were 20! "I've had these boots a few years, darling", he reflected. I remembered last time he turned out for the old boys, it took him three weeks to walk properly, let alone run.

"They have asked me to play in the midfield this time".

"Isn't that where you have to do a lot of running?" I asked.

"Yes, but I'll use the old head; make the ball do the work". (The only head he is likely to use is the one off the top of a pint! I thought).

Everything had to be checked; towel, soap, shampoo, jock strap, (pair of Y fronts will do, he never can find where he put it anyway, jock strap, that is).

All packed and ready to go, and it's just 8 o'clock on Friday evening!

"Why don't you go and have a drink with the lads?" He is so keyed up, he's making ME nervous.

"Mmm, I think, perhaps you're right, there are still a few details to straighten out before tomorrow". That didn't take much persuasion, and I think I would prefer him out of the house anyway. No doubt tomorrow's game will be planned to perfection, the first ten minutes anyway.

Saturday morning and surprise, I got a cup of tea in bed, he was up at seven o'clock — couldn't sleep. If he goes on that way, he will be too exhausted to run onto the pitch (or walk). He went out the back muttering something about checking the lawn.

"Perfect — not too much to give". I don't know whether he is talking about the grass or his socks.

"Think I'll just check my boots".

"What do you want to check your boots again for?"

"Well, I don't want them to be too tight". Feeling slightly exasperated, I quipped.

"Don't forget your cape, darling".
"Cape? You don't need a cape to play football".

"Well, wrestlers wear them". I think I said the wrong thing, he was not amused.

At last he went off like a young gazelle down the driveway to the waiting car.

"Well, you don't drive yourself, do you?"

We had arranged to stay home tonight, and upon seeing my hero return from battle on the field and in the bar, I could see there wouldn't be any change in plans. He slumped into the chair.

"I shall probably have to go in for my cartilage".

"Go in for your cartilage? What do you mean, go in where?"

"Hospital, of course". Bless him, he only plans one game a year and now dreams of the 'big time'.

"Alright my love, but give it a couple of weeks and you may not need to go through all that discomfort".

After a huge meal and a cup of tea, "For ten minutes darling, I was absolute magic".

"What about the rest of the time?" I asked.

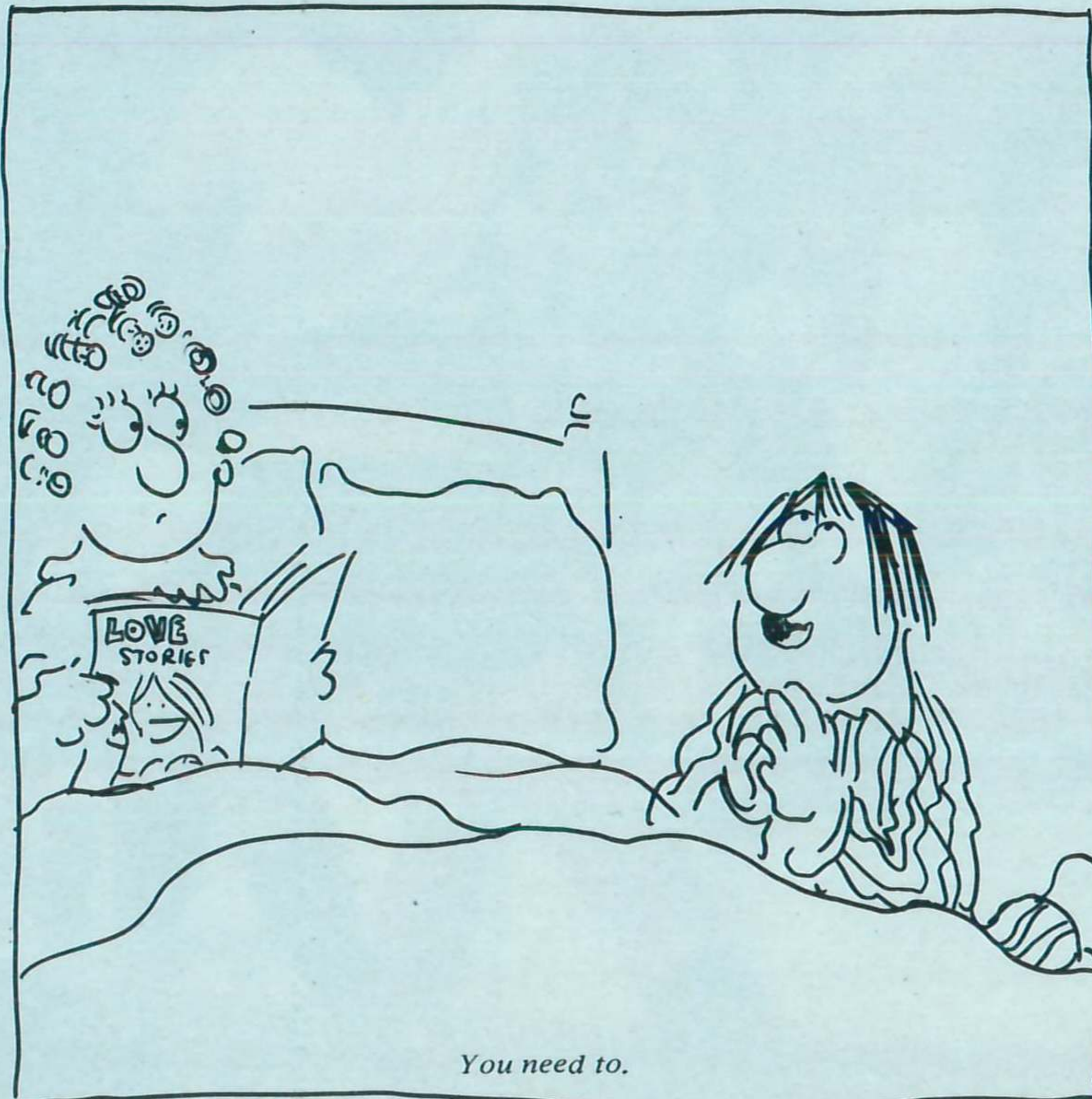
"Well, the old legs aren't what they used to be".

"No dear, but I am sure they will carry you to the pub in the morning". And so the description of the game went on. Even "Match of the Day" didn't get out of his system.

"I think, I will give Jo a ring, just see how he feels, he looked a bit dodgy by the end of the match". The next hour was spent reliving every minute, dissecting every move. My ears must have deceived me — half an hour ago, he was next to prostrate, now he is saying, he hopes to play again soon! I sincerely hope that is just 'bull'.

I have the dreaded feeling that I am going to hear it all over again when we eventually get to bed.

"Next time, if ever you play again, remind me to go out". I scolded as I collected my Ovaltine, favourite book, and climbed the stairs.



Diana
Brigg



"Booked" for raising a laugh...

Every now and then football throws up a larger than life character, a man whose personality stands out above the rest. Luton Town have such a man – you can't miss him, his blond shock of hair sitting on top of a six foot frame – his name is Alan Birchenhall.

Birch is one of that all too rare breed of men who are born comics. It is a part of his make up, providing light hearted relief is as natural to him as breathing.

It is little wonder then that during his 17 years as a professional footballer he has made the headlines as much for his antics as the prowess of his football.

Reputation

Good humourdly he says, "My reputation as a cabaret artist is better than as a footballer." His repertoire has ranged from walking out onto the

pitch one rainy day holding an open umbrella above his head, to producing a hacksaw from under his track-suit top.

Of course, his humour has not always been appreciated by officials and it has got him into a lot of trouble. One brilliant moment of improvisation springs to mind. It happened at Filbert Street in an end of season game. Alan takes up the story. "Tony Currie and I collided as we challenged for the ball, we tumbled, rolled over, and sat up together. At that instant we pecked each other on the lips, it was only a laugh."

Unfortunately, it happened right in front of a camera man who captured a classic picture which was syndicated round the world.

Stick

"I got a lot of stick for that," recalls Birchenhall. "I had a letter from

Germany asking me to write for a gay newspaper and one from the National Front saying I was a disgrace to the British race."

There is no question of flippancy in Alan's motives. "I take the game seriously, but if a situation in a match crops up that needs a bit of light relief, I act spontaneously.

"You can be too serious, you have to remember that it is a game basically. Probably being a player I do not bother about the business side, to me all games are there to be enjoyed."

Friends

That hacksaw incident mentioned earlier happened at Leicester last season when Alan returned there with his new team, Blackburn Rovers.

"I don't know why I did it, but as we were running out I picked up a hacksaw and stuffed it under my tracksuit top," he says. "As we came out the inevitable chant went up from behind the goal, 'Leicester reject, Leicester reject.' Now it is well known that I have quite a useful left leg but the right one is just for standing on. So I pulled the saw out and pretended to saw my right leg off. That broke the ice – I blew them a few kisses and we were the best of friends after that."

The lad who started his career with Sheffield United, where he formed a great partnership with Mick Jones – later transferred to Leeds United – moved onto Chelsea, Crystal Palace, Leicester and Blackburn Rovers before arriving at Luton last season

Joker

"I'm still enjoying my football, hoping to find a place in the team. It is up to me to produce the goods," he says. Luton Town boss David Pleat assesses his worth like this. "Alan is a tremendous character to have around. He gets the dressing room going and of course on the field he has a wealth of experience."

Still the crown king of jesters he is always likely to spread a little humour into his game. Only recently in Luton's home Second Division match with Cambridge United he demonstrated his spontaneous kind of fun.

The referee had blown for a free kick and amid the confusion Birch slipped the ball under his shirt. The crowd enjoyed the joke but regretably the referee did not see the funny side and brought out the yellow card. "Booked for bringing a laugh into the game," said David Pleat with a touch of frustration in his voice.



Alan Ball a key player in England's World Cup Final victory over West Germany.

schoolboy you met told you that he was a midfielder player.

English teams, England themselves, suffered for it dreadfully. England became shockingly predictable. Whereas in the great days of great wingers such as Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney a fairly ordinary team would suddenly be brought to light and life by marvellous wing play, now there was no element of surprise along the wings, no one capable of beating his man on the outside with a flick of the outside of his boot, getting to the goal line, and pulling the ball back for a devastating centre. Instead, we had full backs who would clump dutifully down the touchline, incapable at the end of their run of beating their man, able only to hoof across a high, innocuous centre.

Even when England did discover a couple of full-backs who could do better than this, in Keith Newton and Terry Cooper, they were worn to a frazzle in the heat of Leon and its high altitude, in the World Cup 1970 quarter final with West Germany. A 2-0 lead which they had done so much to bring about melted into a 3-2 defeat; playing as winger and full-back alike was just too much for both of them.

Indeed, you might say the tide turned against England when Helmut Schoen of West Germany sent on Jurgen Grabowski, a natural and most

What price Wingers?



BRIAN
GLANVILLE
WRITES

The thing about wingers is that you can never, thank goodness, get rid of them; even if you are Alf Ramsey, who assuredly did his best. Future historians of the game will no doubt be as puzzled as we are over which came first in his 1966 World Cup strategy, the hen or the egg. He has espoused both versions himself. He has said variously that he didn't believe in playing with orthodox wingers, then that he forsook wingers because those he tried in the early stages

of the tournament were not good enough. By an immense irony, the key player in the World Cup Final was Alan Ball, a natural, hard running inside-forward who demolished Karl-Heinz Schnellinger, the West German right back, with his marvellous, winger's runs down the right.

Alas, that did nothing to mitigate the effect of Ramsey's policies, England's victories, on the development of our game. Cravenly, managers and coaches right down to schoolboy level decided that wingers weren't wanted. They were obsolete. The consequence was that small boys with the ambition and talent to become wingers turned in other directions, afraid that unless they did, the way to success would be blocked to them. Practically, every

dangerous right winger — later to turn into a fine inside-forward — to run circles round the gallant Cooper. Not fair.

Ramsey was not the architect or exponent of Total Football, but that philosophy holds in common with him the belief that wingers *per se* do not exist. The essence of Total Football is the theory that anyone can, or should be able to, do anything. The truth of the matter is that they can't. So it is that such marvellous natural wingers as Dominique Rocheteau of France, Lato and Gadocha of Poland, Rensenbrink of Holland, Peter Barnes of England and Oleg Blokhin of Russia have broken through. It is significant that Brazil now insist not on one but two natural wingers, just as they did in the days when they initiated 4-2-4. The theory is that if you have only three or even two men up front you can barely afford one natural winger,



Alan Simonsen the Danish Star.

let alone two, yet in the 1974 World Cup Lato and Gadocha triumphantly gave the lie to that, forming a superb partnership which was the terror of opposing defences. Lato finished with seven goals, the leading scorer of the competition, but how many would he have got without the left footed Gadocha?

Besides, the greatest wingers have seldom hugged the touchline. Even Stanley Matthews, who lurked their with such deadly intent, wanted the ball at his feet, and so often wrong footed left-backs to accelerate away up the touchline, was perfectly capable of moving into the middle with his close, shuffling, control. Indeed, when he played for England against Czechoslovakia at Tottenham in 1937, an injury to his right-half, Jack Crayston, obliged him to become the inside-right; whereupon he saved England's bacon by scoring three goals with his *left* foot.

Superb players who began as wingers, such as George Best and

the European Footballer of the Year, Allan Simonsen, found themselves restless and isolated out there, and tended to move more and more into the middle, playing where they pleased; but there is nothing new in this. Tom Finney, the Preston plumber, whose wonderful balance, glorious footwork and two footed shooting made him one of the greatest forwards of his day (Bill Shankly used to joke that teams had two men marking him at the kick in) turned into a deep lying centre-forward in the middle 1950s with outstanding success. In the 1958 World Cup, little Raymond Kopa of France, originally an outside-right, showed how well he had achieved the same thing.

The fact that most teams today play with one winger not two means that your modern outside forward must be two footed; and who is more two footed than Peter Barnes, just as able to sprint through defences on the left as he is on the right?

The same may be said of Laurie Cunningham, who has gone for a million pounds to Real Madrid, chiefly as an outside-left, though he began with Orient as an outside-right, and in fact enjoys playing in the middle.

Garrincha, perhaps one of the greatest wingers of them all, dazzled us in the 1958 World Cup with his jaguar swerves and acceleration but by 1962 he was shooting long distance goals with his left foot from central positions, and outjumping defenders who towered over him to head goals from corners.

What all these players had or have, however, is the divine ability to beat opponents on the outside; and make goals. Provided, that is to say, some dumb referee doesn't then give them offside when they have once pulled the ball back. Yes, I have seen it done, and in a recent First Division match at that. It would have stopped Matthews or Garrincha more effectively than any full-back.



Motoring with Jeremy Walton

Are Tyres too Cheap?

How can anything be too cheap in a country where inflation is currently running around 15%? A valid question after reading the heading, and one that's worth answering.

There is such a thing as the tyre that is too cheap. For the motorist the evidence is in any local paper where discounts are freely offered on all kinds of tyres from the basic remould to the sophisticated performance cover.

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Another alternative is where the tyre carries something like 185/70 HR 13. The 70 denotes the aspect ratio in percentage, or the height of the tyre related to the width.

The lower the percentage, the squatter the tyre. The 70 per cent figure is average for a modern radial ply construction tyre, but some high performance cars may have a figure

of 60 per cent or less, such low tyres conferring roadholding improvements.

The HR in the above code means safe to 130 mph, while the really fast/heavy cars may carry tyres with a VR coding that means safe for over 130 mph.

Nowadays, the sidewalls of a modern tyre are littered with information, but the remainder is mostly self-explanatory, like maximum pressures and so on. There are various manufacturing code numbers to be found and the safety governmental tests the manufacturer has passed.

I started by saying tyres could be too cheap and I will close by pointing out that the majority of tyre companies in Western Europe are not making money at present.

The blame is put on cheap imports from the Communist Countries; the long life of the modern tyre; intense competition between tyre makers and their retailers, leading to cut prices.

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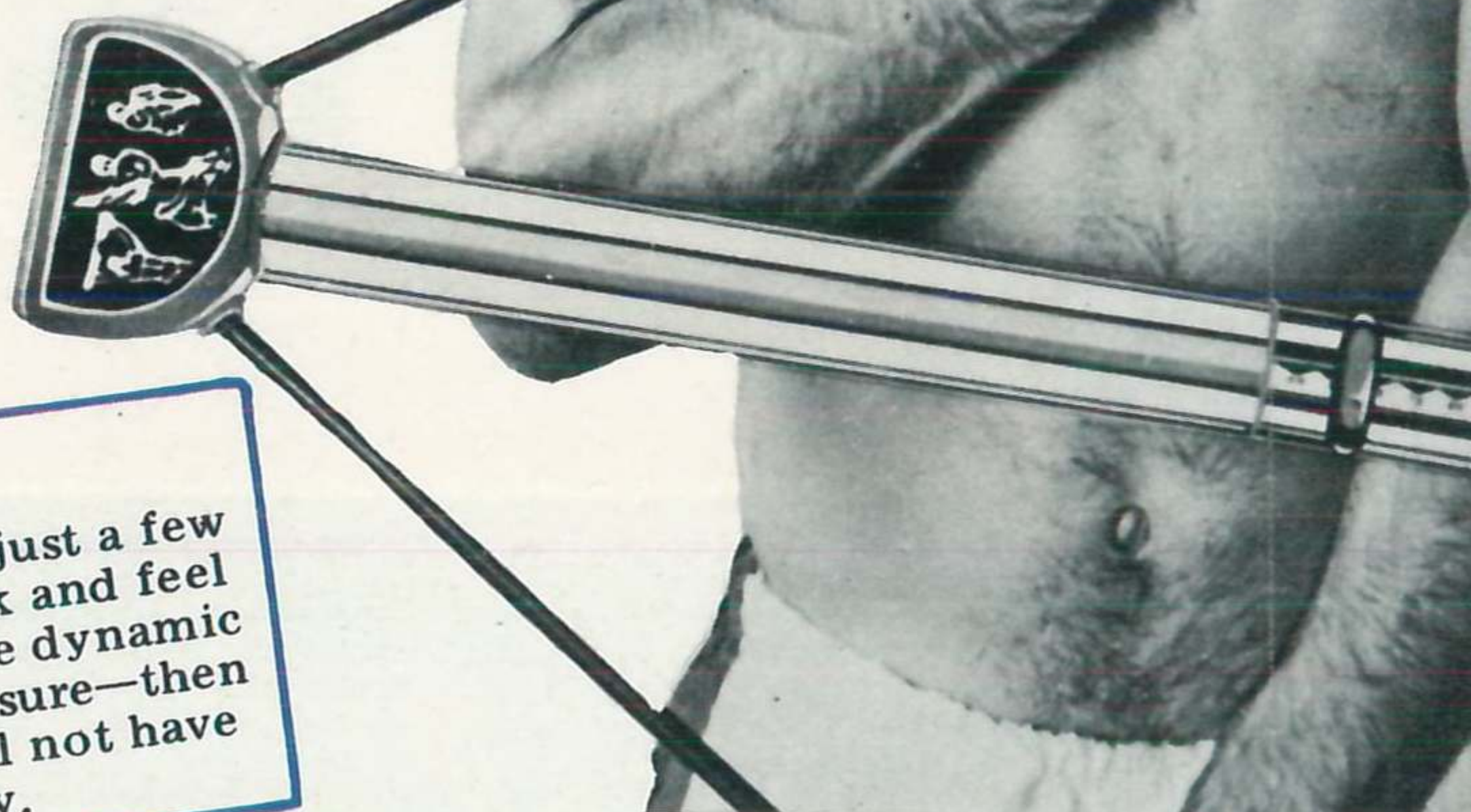
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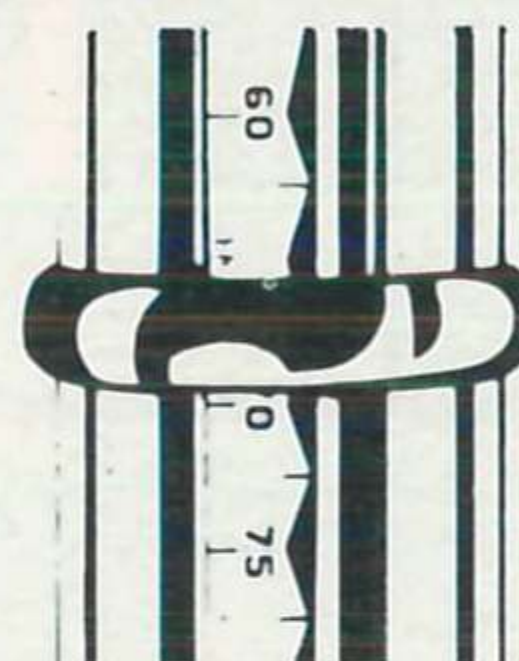
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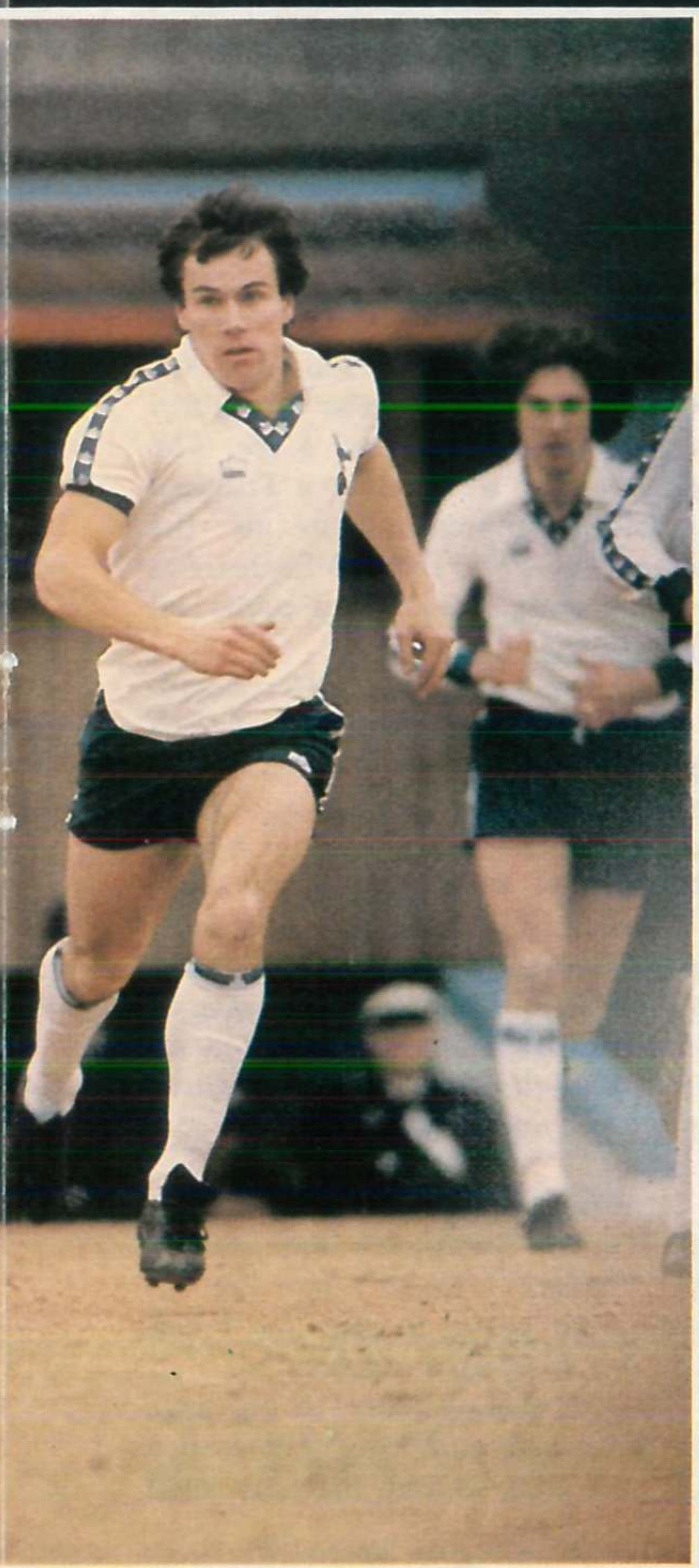
Jim Holton (Coventry)

PICTURE PROFILE

A pictorial review of your favourite
players throughout the World of soccer.



Dave Donaldson (Millwall)



Tony Grealish (now with Luton)

Freedom of contract was hailed as the great enlightenment — the game had at last realised that players were not pawns to be pushed around, but human beings, free to decide their own destiny.

It had taken the Professional Footballers Association three years to negotiate this emotive conflict with the Football League before a final settlement of the terms was agreed in September 1977, so averting a threatened strike by the players.

In essence what it meant was that a player was free to ply his hire to the highest bidder at the expiration of his contract, which seems reasonable enough on the face of it. Where the system breaks down is with regard to the transfer fee. Naturally, a club that has paid thousands of pounds and in some cases hundreds of thousands of pounds for a player is not going to let him walk out of the door at the end of his agreement without any compensation.

The obvious answer you might think is to do away with transfer fees, but that is not possible or desirable. There is the age old problem of supply and demand and to introduce such a restriction would mean players would not be able to change clubs during a season, and in some cases the acquisition of a new face during a bad spell can



Bob Jefferies (Swindon Town).

whether he is staying or going until the 31st July. As clubs start playing on the 11th August there is the possibility that a manager could find himself with only half a team.

But perhaps the biggest bone of contention surrounds the procedure for deciding compensation to a club. The format is that a player can walk out and sign for another team even if the two clubs involved have not agreed a fee. The matter is then decided by a Tribunal comprising representatives of the League, the PFA and the Secretaries and Managers Association under an independent chairman.

Swindon Town have suffered badly under this policy. For two of their top players, Steve Aizlewood, a Welsh U-23 international and John McLaughlin a former England Youth international, walked out on the club.

"We were offered £25,000 each for both of these players," explained Bob Jefferies. "We took the cases to the tribunal and they awarded us £45,000 each. Now where on earth can we get replacements at those sort of prices."

Another anomaly was raised by Bob Smith, Swindon's manager. He says, "Before I knew what the tribunal were going to give me I had to go out and buy a replacement."

"Under this system, I could have also gone out and bought a centre half and then found that my own

Freedom or Folly

revitalise a club and its public.

Players are not keen to lose the transfer system either, for they pick up 5% of the fee providing they have not demanded the move themselves and with fees reaching mammoth proportions this can prove a very lucrative bonus.

This summer has provided the first experience of the new Freedom of Contract charter, and there is no doubt that smaller clubs are finding it weighted heavily against them.

Swindon Town Secretary Bob Jefferies says, "I think the whole system is very unfortunate. Everything is to the player's advantage, it is forcing wages sky high and holding clubs to ransom."

One aspect that urgently needs revueing is the fact that a player does not have to inform his club

player has come back and said he will accept our offer. I would be landed with two centre halves — and you have got to pay the price."

The advice issued from the League headquarters at Lytham St. Annes is for clubs to offer their players longer contracts.

A wry smile spread across Mr. Jefferies' face as he answered. "I do not suppose any official who has given that advice has tried to offer a player a long contract."

"They would soon find that it is not that easy, primarily because the player can come along and negotiate a signing on fee every time he signs a new contract. So they are not likely to sign a five-year contract with one signing-on fee, when in that time they could sign five separate contracts and pick up five signing-on fees."

The first of an investigatory series by Colin Benson on the most important piece of football legislation since the lifting of the maximum wage.

This close season Swindon have managed to successfully negotiate two-year contracts with the majority of their players so they will not be in this "silly position" again next summer, when they could in effect have lost a third of their team. But it has cost the club a great deal of money.

The obvious spin off is that clubs will cut their playing staffs and the better players will get richer while the poorer ones drift out of the game. A point emphasised by Bob Jefferies when he says, "Although they pay their Union dues the same as the star players, a lot of them are going to find themselves out of work."

When the maximum wage was removed in the early 60's there was a big drop in the employment figures. Prior to the change there were between 3,100 and 3,500 players registered with the League and this figure dramatically dived to 1,500.

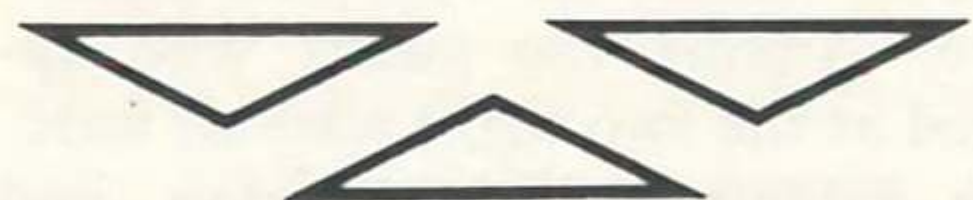


It was realised by the authorities that there would be a lot of loose ends to tie up and they explained that clubs would be able to change things at the next AGM. "Quite honestly, can you imagine that anything that has been given to these players will be taken away from them," exclaims Bob Jefferies. "It does not happen in any walk of life and I certainly cannot see it happening in the world of football."

Bob Smith says, "Only time will tell, but at the moment, I do not like the look of it. I think it is breeding disloyalty and all the bad things in the game."

"I do not want to be a hypocrite because it is not so long ago that I was a player — but there is no doubt that Freedom of Contract is weighted too heavily in favour of the players."

This season we will be attempting through these columns to bring the views of all concerned, from players to the top administrators. And you can judge for yourself whether Freedom of Contract is freedom or folly.



Meanwhile, we leave you with a personal feeling from Bob Jefferies and he stresses that this was not the view of his club who voted for the change. "We should have held out like Sir Jack Scamp asked us to. It has gone too far now and I think football and the smaller clubs particularly, will suffer for it."



England centre half Dave Watson, asserted his right to leave Manchester City and join West German club Werder Bremen.



Chas & Dave of "Gertcha" fame.

CHAS & DAVE

'I s'pose it all started orf with us singing abaht our local patch coz it's a bleedin' great part of the world. Dahn 'ere they have the best boozers for a start, and that ain't bad – know what I mean?'

Thus spake CHAS & DAVE of their respective birth places, Edmonton and Ponders End, and the early beginnings of their own very special brand of music Rockney.

Not that Rockney is new to the charts. Last year, Chas & Dave had their first hit with 'Strummin' – a track from their first album which is called simply 'Rockney'.

Chas Hodges (piano, vocal) and Dave Peacock (bass, vocal) first met up in 1960 through a mutual friend, Brian Juniper. Chas was playing with Mike Berry & The Outlaws, while Dave was gigging with Brian Juniper in a band called The Rolling Stones!

'No, not that lot', Dave is quick

to point out, 'Brian Juniper's mum thought up the name. We all thought it was daft so we eventually changed it to The Raiders'.

Chas then went on to join Cliff Bennett & The Rebel Rousers where he first met Mick Burt, who is now Chas & Dave's 'resident' drummer. Dave meanwhile, joined a soul act called The Goodtime Band prior to a spell with the country and western group, The Tumbleweeds.

It wasn't until 1969 that Chas & Dave finally formed their first group together, Black Claw. However, this first musical association was short lived and Chas left to join Head, Hands & Feet, while Dave started playing with the Mick Greenwood Band.

Says Chas: "Black Claw was really the official start of our musical partnership. We had a single

released but unfortunately it did nothing and we suddenly found ourselves desperately short of cash. There was no alternative but for the group to split up".

Two years later, they decided the time had finally come to start getting down to things seriously. Retreat Records, the label owned by session guitarist Big Jim Sullivan, heard some of their songs and offered them the chance to record their first album together. The LP, "One Fing And Another" was released in 1975 and among the tracks was this song called Gertcha'.

Explains Dave: "We had always liked 'Gertcha and it's been in our stage act virtually ever since we recorded it for 'One Fing And Another'. One day last year this geezer from an advertising agency saw us playing in a pub in Islington. After the gig he came up to us and started going on about using 'Gertcha' for a beer commercial on television. 'BEER? WITH PLEASURE', we told him".

Despite heavy demand for the 'One Fing And Another' album, only ten thousand units were pressed, which is why copies of the LP are still changing hands at twice the original selling price.

In 1977 the duo were signed by EMI and the following year the 'Rockney' album and the 'Strummin' single were released.

Chas & Dave are prolific songwriters, not only for themselves, but also for other artists. Amongst those who have recorded their material are top names such as Jerry Lee Lewis, Albert Lee and Labi Siffre. 'Gertcha' is featured on their new album, 'DON'T GIVE A MONKEY'S' along with their next single, 'I'VE GOT MY BEER IN THE SIDEBOARD HERE' (also known as 'The Sideboard Song'). The album is a collection of new classics from C & D as well as some of their best loved stage numbers which are featured on side two and were recorded before a live audience at Abbey Road. For the occasion two bars were set up in the studio which was also bedecked with Victorian Street lights to create an East End atmosphere. Among the guests who appeared at the two night sessions were, Dave Edmunds, Eric Clapton, and Albert Lee, who also plays on several tracks.

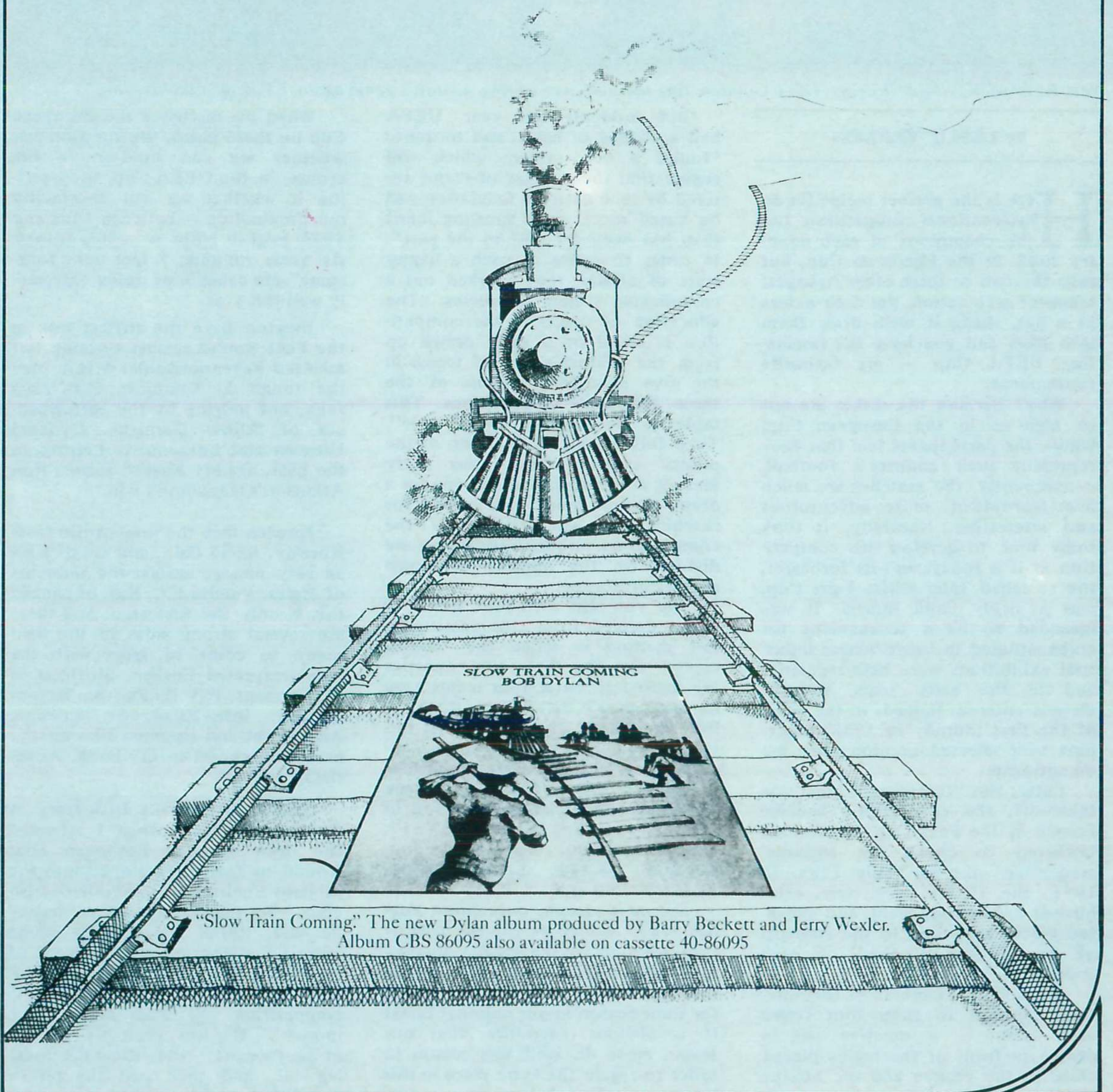
Pilgrims to this year's Knebworths would be well advised to arrive at 11am on Saturday 11th August when Chas & Dave have the unenviable task of warming up the audience. Still, if anyone can do it they can, so if you're going, don't miss it!

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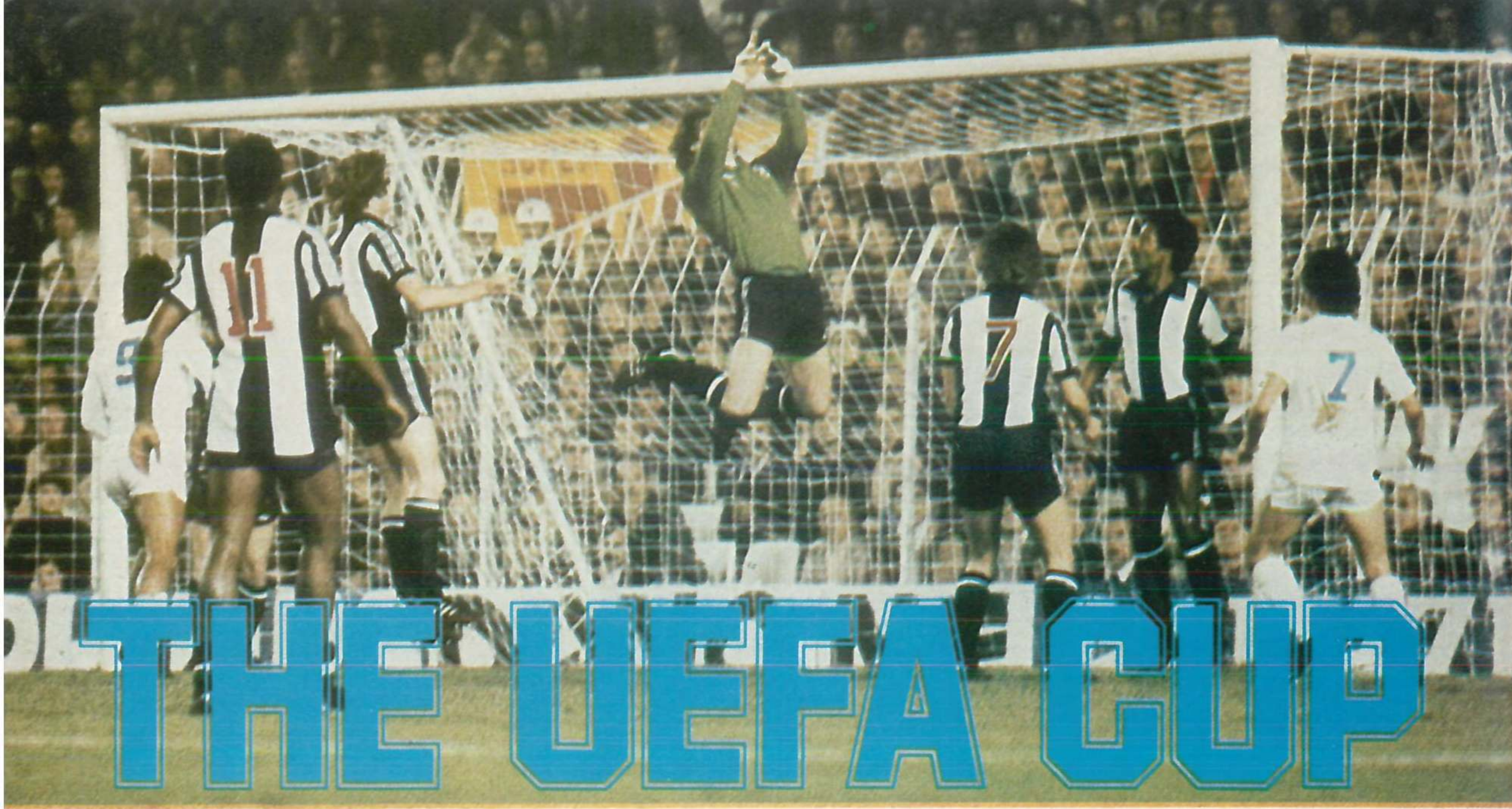


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West Bromwich Albion 'Keeper Tony Goddon tips the ball over during Albion's game against Valencia last season.

by LESLIE VERNON

Here is the perfect recipe for an international competition. Let the champions of each country brew in the European Cup, but take the two or three other strongest teams of each nation, put their names in a hat, shake it well, draw them into pairs and you have the fascinating UEFA Cup — my favourite tournament.

Why? Because the stakes are not so high as in the European Cup, where the participants feel that they represent their country's football, consequently, the matches are much less fear-ridden, more adventurous and interesting. Naturally, it took some time to develop this competition as it is today, and its forbearer, the so-called Inter Cities Fairs Cup, was a sickly child indeed. It was intended to be a tournament for clubs situated in towns where industrial exhibitions were held regularly, and in the early years, selected elevens entered, indeed, in the Final of the first tourney in 1958, Barcelona beat selected London team 8-2 on aggregate.

Later, the "Inter-cities" label was taken-off, the competition became known as the Fairs Cup, and no-one bothered to check the entrants' credentials vis-a-vis Trade Fairs. In 1971, the UEFA took over, established a 64-strong field, and allocated places according to the strength of the League football of each country.

England, as members of the elite, were allowed to enter four teams each season — a lucrative bait to dangle in front of the highly-placed clubs in the League and the League Cup winners.

But suddenly last year, UEFA had a change of heart, and to quote "found a new system which will ensure that the number of teams entered by each national federation will be based more upon sporting merit than has been the case in the past". In order to arrive at such a happy state of affairs, they worked out a complicated system as follows. "The allocation of places in the competition is based on a table drawn up from the performances of teams in the five preceding seasons of the three European competitions. This table to be updated every year". Then follows the explanation of the points' system which gives every team 2 points for a win and one for a draw. Bonus points are given for reaching the later stages of the competitions, and then the points are divided by the number of teams playing in Europe.

Are you still with me? Well, the figure derived from this admittedly fair method is called the "coefficient", and the three top countries are invited to enter four teams each for next year's UEFA Cup, the next five, three each, etc. And here is the rub, as can be seen from the coefficient table 1974-79. (There is always a season's delay, because in some countries, championships are run in calendar years!) W. Germany 52.617, Holland 39.200, Belgium 38.300, England 38.141, Spain 35.800, Russia 33.050 etc.

So, next season, only three English clubs can enter for the UEFA-Cup, presumably the League runners-up, third placed team and League Cup winners — a fact not revealed for some reason in our national Press! It is obvious, therefore, that our teams must do well this season in order to regain the extra place in this lucrative competition.

When we discussed the European Cup on these pages, the question was whether we can hold-on to the crown, in the UEFA-Cup, the question is whether we can re-establish our domination — between 1968 and 1973 English clubs won this trophy six years running. I feel our "four-some" are capable of doing extremely well this year.

Everton have the stiffest task in the First Round against a young, but talented Feyenoord side. W.B.A. play the tough E. Germans, Carl Zeiss Jena, but judging by the performances of fellow Germans, Dynamo Dresden and Lokomotive Leipzig, in the past, against English teams, Ron Atkinson's lads should win.

Ipswich face the nonentities from Norway, Skeid Oslo, and Leeds have an easy passage against the amateurs of Malta, Valetta F.C. But, of course, this is only the first step, and there are several strong sides in the field ready to come to grips with the much-respected English. Stuttgart of W. Germany, PSV Eindhoven, Bayern Munich, Inter-Milan, St. Etienne, Anderlecht and Dynamo Kiev are the main contenders in my book. Appetizing, isn't it?

Finally, a typically Irish story. A few seasons back, when I attended the draw for the European First Round in Zurich, I bumped into the jubilant Chairman of a Southern Irish club. "We have a marvellous draw," he said. "First we play at home against a glamorous side in front of a big crowd, then we go abroad, lose, and get knocked out of the competition. We shall make some money!" He was perfectly correct in his forecast — they drew the home leg 1-1, and then lost the return match 6-0 . . .

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MOST RAMS fans I speak to agree with me that, as good as the new *Ram Magazine* is, it definitely lacks that old sparkle which the *Ram Newspaper* had, and which enabled supporters to identify with and feel part of, the club.

The magazine is reasonable, for what it is, but personally I am not the slightest bit interested in the new Porsche in my life, nor what that stupid woman does on a Sunday.

I buy the *Ram* to read about **Derby County** at a time when, at last, there really is something to say about them again. So let's face facts, there isn't half as much to read about the club as there used to be.

The old *Ram Newspaper* was the best programme in the League, few people will argue with that. It had such charisma and popularity, so why on earth did the club decide to drop it on match days? Okay, so we now have *Ram Monthly*, about which congratulations, it's every bit as good as the old *Ram*. But despite trips to many newsagents I could not get a September issue, and had to borrow one. I have placed an order now. I don't want to be horrible, but the *Ram Newspaper* was something special to look forward to, and the *Ram Magazine* is not.

Changing the subject, I think our new managerial pair, Colin Addison and John Newman, are the best thing since Cloughie, Peter Taylor and rice pudding! All the best to everyone at the club.

Jill Tebbett, (season ticket holder), Cross Hays, 2 Claymills Road, Stretton, Burton-on-Trent.

● *Several correspondents on the same theme are asked to accept Miss Tebbett's views on their behalf, in order to save space. The club aims to give you the best possible product, at the right price, making a profit for the furtherance of Derby County . . . but also in the format YOU want. The subject remains under review. Meanwhile, the October Ram Monthly is now in the shops at 20 pence. We have increased our print order after last month's complete sell-out, but you would be well advised to ask your newsagent to deliver you a copy each month to avoid disappointment.*

CONGRATULATIONS on the splendid *Ram Magazine*. Most of your fans must be

delighted you have at last switched from a newspaper.

John Soames, Bancroft Close, Liverpool.

● *See letter above.*

ANTI-FOREST

AS A Derby County season ticket holder who also goes to see the very fine Forest side whenever I can, I resent the inference of your terrace correspondent Bill X (whoever he is) in your last issue that most of Derby would be delighted if Middlesbrough beat them in the League Cup. They didn't, as it happened, and I think most Rams fans were pleased with the result. Let's have less of this anti-Forest bias.

Season Ticket holder, "B" Stand (full name and address supplied).

● *Bill X writes: I prefer my anonymity, just as the writer does. I write for the terrace fans, and among them I can tell you, there is a keen rivalry with Forest whom we are delighted to see beaten. I am, after all, promoting Derby County. The others can look after themselves.*

GREAT BOSS

NOT ONLY have Derby County found a brilliant manager in Colin Addison, he is also one who looks after the fans individually. His secretary, Mrs Joan Daniels, said that in *Ram Magazine*, and I can prove it, as I wrote to Junior Rams organiser Steve Stone sending him two four-leaf clovers to hand on to the team for good luck.

Mr. Stone replied, thanking me, and saying he'd passed them on. Then, lo and behold, came a personal letter from Mr. Addison, thanking me, which I thought was amazing, considering how busy he is. I could name some of his predecessors who wouldn't have bothered.

Donna Windle, 5 West Avenue, South Chellaston, Derby.

WE HAVE NOW!

MAY I congratulate the manager on giving Steve Carter his chance on the wing. In many of our views from the Pop Side, he is better for Rams than any other winger on the books, yet you never print his picture nor give him the publicity he deserves — **S.A.S., Peacehill Road, Ripley (full name/address withheld on request).**



● *No sooner said, than done.*

AS A subscriber to *Ram*, may I protest about the change from a newspaper format. How many other subscribers have complained?

Surrey supporter (full name and address withheld on request).

● *Of well over 500, very few.*

SOLUTION?

AS A regular Derby supporter I have visited grounds all over the country, and the majority have visiting supporters pens where we can watch in safety, just as Derby supply for visiting fans here. But in some grounds local idiots do manage to get into the away pen causing problems for real supporters and the police. Why don't the League clubs get together and issue travelling permits to all their fans, who would lose them if they got into trouble, and would not be re-issued with them. If this was a national scheme it would cut hooliganism out all but completely, I am convinced.

Derby away supporter, Alvaston (full name/address withheld on request).

SHARES

I READ in *Ram Monthly* about a shareholder who now goes to Forest. As I have been trying to buy some Derby County shares without success, I'd be overjoyed to take them off his hands if he would contact me.

W. Scott, 318a Bristol Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B5 7SN.

MEET THE LAUGHTER MAKERS



THE GOOD atmosphere and spirit in Derby's team is now very obvious. But it's no wonder, with the two newcomers well known for their laugh-making ability, namely: Roger the Dodger (Rog Davies) and Dick Emery (Steve). Well done all you lads, keep up the good work. — **Arnold Ram (K.P.), Greaves Close, Arnold, Notts.**



THE WRONG PRICE?

I NOTICE your Letter Box heading shows 9p and 7p stamps. Didn't you know postal charges have been increased?

Dot Briggs (Mrs), Penkridge, Stafford.

● *Yes, we know. But we're trying hard NOT to discourage readers from contributing to the best, and most varied letters page in football!*

BOLTON WANDERERS



By PHIL TWEED

THE TOWNSPEOPLE of Bolton up in Lancashire were understandably optimistic about Wanderers' prospects when the season kicked off on August 18. Even though their team had finished 17th last season, they had reason to look forward to a promising year.

A home draw against Villa was followed by an impressive draw at mighty Anfield. Four days later McNab and Whatmore wrapped up the points against Southampton, and it seemed Bolton were on their way.

Then came deflation from the south in the form of a shock League Cup exit at the hands of Southend United, interspersed by a visit to Brighton, which ended with the Sussex club notching their first-ever win in the First Division.

Bolton's away form continues to provide manager Ian Greaves with a headache, but it remains certain we haven't yet seen the best of the modern Trotters. History apparently counts for very little with the contemporary young fan, yet who can discount a club of Bolton's stature? At League level they have a relatively moderate honours board, but that of the F.A. Cup readily records their achievements.

They were the first-ever Wembley Cup winners in 1923, retaining the trophy in 1926 and 1929. Their victory over a post-Munich Manchester United side in 1958 was more convincing than the 2-0 scoreline, while their bitter disappointment at losing the over-rated "Matthews Final" of 1953 was cushioned by the fact that in those pre-substitute days they finished with nine fit men, after looking for all the world like winners most of the game.

The present, however, always diffuses the past and even when Bolton were promoted just over a year ago Ian Greaves acknowledged there was much work to be done to re-establish this famous club in its rightful



BOLTON WANDERERS F.C. 1979-80.

Front row (left to right): David Burke, Brian Smith, Roy Greaves, Neil Whatmore, Peter Reid, Dave Clement.

Middle row: Stan Anderson (*assistant manager*), Peter Nicholson, Jim McDonagh, Alan Gowling, Terry Poole, Mike Graham, Jim Headrige (*physio*), Ian Greaves (*manager*).

Back row: Paul Jones, Tadeusz Nowak, Len Cantello, Mike Walsh, Sam Allardyce, Neil McNab.

place. Never one to shirk responsibility, Mr. Greaves epitomises the very nature of Bolton.

A man with principles, he is different from most supposedly principled people because he is willing to sacrifice to uphold his. As proved by his stands against contractual demands from Trevor Cherry, Frank Worthington and Roy Ellam when they were all with then First Division Huddersfield. His decision marked the beginning of the end of his Leeds Road career, but he maintained he was right. Such is the man and it is certain that, eventually, Bolton's ability will come shining through on all fronts.

Last season's dilemma of choosing two strikers from three, with Whatmore usually the odd man out, has resolved itself for the

time being with Worthington's recent unfitness. Whether all three will team up now at the expense of a solid midfield remains to be seen, but their tactics today will be fascinating as Mr. Greaves and his assistant Stan Anderson set out to cure the away famine.

Their first team squad comprises some highly experienced players. Goalkeeper **Jim McDonagh**, an ever-present last season, cost £10,000 from Rotherham three seasons ago. Reserve is former Huddersfield 'keeper **Terry Poole**. In defence £150,000 close-season signing England's full back Frank Clement, from Q.P.R. is partnered by long-serving **Peter Nicholson**, a small fee signing from Blackpool eight years ago.

At the heart of the defence is **Paul Jones**, another long-serving home product, with Manchester born **Mike Walsh**, yet another ever-present last campaign. Big **Sam Allardyce**, currently wanting away, was successfully introduced into the defence a fortnight ago, and may continue today.

Midfield sees Bolton's most experienced campaigner, local product **Roy Greaves**, playing on the right, with former West Brom. stalwart **Len Cantello** who cost Trotters their record £350,000 in the summer. **David Burke**, who made his debut last season, has been regularly included in a forward midfield role, while **Willie Morgan** the former Scottish international and Manchester United winger has made several appearances to date.

In this department the best is yet to be seen of Polish World Cup player **Tadeusz Nowak**, signed for what was reported to be a bargain fee from Legia Warsaw just before

Winning pattern emerging?

THE LEAGUE visit by Bolton last March was their first here for ten years and Rams' 3-0 win was in accordance with the First Division results of the early fifties, when they triumphed 5-2 in 1952 and 4-3 in 1953. But Second Division results in the sixties saw both sides winning two and one was drawn. Derby won 5-1 in the 1968-69 promotion season, the goals coming from Hector, Wignall, O'Hare, Carlin and McFarland with Roy Greaves replying for Bolton.

1978-79 result: Rams 3 (McFarland 2, Daly) Bolton 0. March 21, 1979. Attendance: 15,227.

RAMS: Middleton, Langan, Buckley, Daly, McFarland, Wicks, Carter, Powell, Greenwood, Moreland, Crawford.

BOLTON: McDonagh, Nicholson, Burke, Greaves, Jones (Whatmore), Walsh, Morgan, Allardyce, Gowling, Worthington, McNab.

the end of last season. Former Spurs' midfielder **Neil McNab**, who cost £250,000 last season, has settled in well and has goal appetite. Had Wanderers' **Frank Worthington**, top First Division scorer last season, been able to play more than twice up to now perhaps **Neil Whatmore** might still be trying to prove he can score at top level, which former Manchester United and Newcastle striker **Alan Gowling** has long since shown he can do.

Today's confrontation is as vital as any in the fixture list, as both clubs look to see where they go from here. With such a narrow points difference between top and bottom in the First Division a win would ease the early-season problems for both clubs and could lead either to a more comfortable mid-table position.

Bolton fans are among the best

I'VE ALWAYS liked Bolton fans. Though they too, have their share of the few morons among them, most are plain-talking, down-to-earth honest characters from the heart of Lancashire.

They are always prepared to see the other side, even though they are as biased as any of us when supporting their favourite team.

It's good to see the famous Trotters making the grade in this their second season back in the top flight after so long away.

Next week we have two away



Roy McFarland scores his second goal in Derby's 3-0 win against Bolton here last March.

Terrace Talk

games, starting on Tuesday when we visit the rejuvenated **Wolves** who, contrary to some opinions, are not suffering from lack of oxygen in the rarefied heights of the upper reaches of the First Division. I wonder why the League computer gives us a return match with our first visitors of the season when we have only played eight games up to today.

If you're standing at Molyneux aim for the South Bank visitors' enclosure, which is the side nearest to the new stand. And be extra careful when negotiating the subway under the A41 leading to the ground from the station.

On Saturday, it's down to **Tottenham**. As on all trips to London, be careful on the Underground. Make your way to Seven Sisters on the Victoria Line from where you can catch a local train to White Hart Lane, or walk to the ground. If you're standing make for the visitors' enclosure at the Park Lane end.

And keep your accent to yourself. Avoid any questions, and you should be all right.

BILL X

J.T. Leavesley Alrewas

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AT A
GLANCE

A BRIGHT NOTE amid last week's gloom, following Roy McFarland's injury news, and the 4-0 debacle at Southampton, came from Roger Davies. "We didn't get many chances at the Dell, but we might well have had a couple of goals. It takes time for a striking partnership to develop, but I think John Duncan and myself will play well off each other when we get to know exactly what we need from each other". John Duncan nods agreement at that one. "I think we can get goals between us, each helping the other."

HOME FIXTURES IN BOLD

Date	Fixture	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.
Aug. 18	West Bromwich Albion	24,484	0 - 0	1	1
Aug. 22	Wolverhampton Wanderers	21,727	0 - 1	1	1
Aug. 25	Everton	17,817	0 - 1	1	1
Aug. 29	Middlesbrough FLC 2 (1L)	15,205	0 - 1	1	1
Sept. 1	Crystal Palace	25,825	0 - 4	1	21
Sept. 4	Middlesbrough FLC 2 (2L)	19,466	1 - 1	3	20
Sept. 8	Arsenal	16,429	3 - 2	3	21
Sept. 15	Manchester United	54,308	1 - 0	5	20
Sept. 22	Middlesbrough	18,620	0 - 4	5	22
Sept. 29	Southampton	22,583	0 - 4	5	22
Oct. 6	Bolton Wanderers				
Oct. 9	Wolverhampton Wanderers				
Oct. 13	Tottenham Hotspur				
Oct. 20	Aston Villa				
Oct. 27	Stoke City				
Nov. 3	West Bromwich Albion				
Nov. 10	Bristol City				
Nov. 17	Ipswich Town				
Nov. 24	Nottingham Forest (FAC 1)				
Dec. 1	Brighton & Hove Albion				
Dec. 8	Norwich City				
Dec. 15	Manchester City (FAC 2)				
Dec. 22	Liverpool				
Dec. 26	Coventry City				
Dec. 29	Everton				
Jan. 1	Leeds United				
Jan. 5	F.A. Cup 3				
Jan. 12	Crystal Palace				
Jan. 16	League Cup SF				
Jan. 19	Arsenal				
Jan. 26	F.A. Cup 4				
Feb. 2	Manchester United				
Feb. 9	Middlesbrough				
Feb. 13	League Cup SF				
Feb. 16	Southampton (FAC 5)				
Feb. 23	Tottenham Hotspur				
Mar. 1	Aston Villa				
Mar. 8	Stoke City (FAC 6)				
Mar. 14	Bolton Wanderers				
Mar. 15	League Cup Final				
Mar. 22	Bristol City				
Mar. 29	Ipswich Town				
Apr. 4					
Apr. 5	Leeds United				
Apr. 7	Coventry City				
Apr. 8	Liverpool				
Apr. 12	Brighton & Hove A. (FAC SF)				
Apr. 19	Nottingham Forest				
Apr. 26	Manchester City				
May 3	Norwich City				
May 10	F.A. Cup Final				

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CENTRAL LEAGUE

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Aug. 18	West Bromwich Albion	1-3
Aug. 22	Blackpool	0-3
Aug. 25	Leeds United	0-1
Sept. 1	Manchester United	1-1
Sept. 10	Preston North End	5-1
Sept. 15	Burnley	0-2
Sept. 18	Coventry City	0-4
Sept. 25	Blackburn Rovers	1-0
Sept. 29	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1-0
Oct. 1	Aston Villa	1-6
Oct. 6	Newcastle United	1-1
Oct. 10	Blackpool	
Oct. 13	Stoke City	
Oct. 20	Huddersfield Town	
Oct. 24	Liverpool	
Oct. 27	Sheffield United	
Nov. 3	West Bromwich Albion	
Nov. 10	Bury	
Nov. 17	Everton	
Nov. 21	Coventry City	
Nov. 24	Sheffield Wednesday	
Dec. 1	Nottingham Forest	
Dec. 8	Manchester City	
Dec. 15	Bolton Wanderers	
Dec. 21	Blackburn Rovers	
Dec. 29	Leeds United	
Jan. 12	Manchester United	
Jan. 19	Preston North End	
Feb. 4	Burnley	
Feb. 9	Aston Villa	
Feb. 23	Stoke City	
Mar. 1	Huddersfield Town	
Mar. 4	Wolverhampton Wanderers	
Mar. 8	Sheffield United	
Mar. 14	Newcastle United	
Mar. 22	Bury	
Mar. 29	Everton	
April 5	Liverpool	
April 12	Nottingham Forest	
April 19	Sheffield Wednesday	
April 26	Bolton Wanderers	
May 3	Manchester City	

RAMS have not yet achieved two wins in a row during 1979. But the last home win against Middlesbrough was their second successive victory at the Baseball Ground, a feat not before managed in the current year. The last time Rams did that was in November 1978 when they beat Birmingham City and Q.P.R. in successive home games.

LEAGUE DIVISION ONE TABLE 1979-80

	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F
Crystal Palace	8	3	1	0	10	1	1	3	0	4
Manchester United	8	4	0	0	9	1	1	2	1	5
Nottingham Forest	8	3	1	0	6	1	2	1	1	8
Southampton	8	3	1	0	13	5	1	2	1	2
Norwich City	8	4	0	0	11	3	1	1	2	4
Wolverhampton	7	2	1	0	7	2	3	0	1	7
Middlesbrough	8	2	2	0	5	1	1	0	3	4
Bristol City	8	1	3	0	5	3	1	1	2	3
Liverpool	7	2	2	0	7	1	0	1	2	3
Arsenal	8	1	1	2	4	5	1	2	1	7
Leeds United	8	1	2	1	5	4	0	3	1	4
Everton	8	0	2	2	5	8	2	1	1	5
Manchester City	8	2	1	1	6	3	1	0	3	10
Ipswich Town	8	2	1	1	5	3	1	0	3	9
Coventry City	8	3	1	0	9	3	0	0	4	3
Brighton	8	2	1	1	5	5	0	1	3	6
W.B.A.	8	1	2	1	7	7	0	2	2	6
Bolton Wanderers	8	1	3	0	4	3	0	1	3	8
Aston Villa	8	1	1	2	2	6	0	3	1	2
Tottenham	8	2	1	1	6	6	0	1	3	4
Stoke City	8	2	0	2	9	8	0	1	3	1
Derby County	8	2	0	2	4	4	0	1	3	0

RESERVES STRUGGLE

DERBY'S WORRIES were compounded last Saturday when the Reserves were thrashed 6-1 at the Baseball Ground by an admittedly strong Wolves side which included several players with First Division experience, and which finished strongly in the second half to add four goals. Derby's young side, strengthened by an out-of-sorts Gordon Hill and Andy Crawford, fell away badly. The previous Tuesday Rams Reserves beat bottom-of-the-table Blackburn at the Baseball Ground and last Tuesday improved to a 1-1 draw at Villa.

Appearances: Bowers, Clark, Falconer 9; Bartlett, Murray 8; Chesters 7; Emson 6(2); Caskey, McKellar, Richards 5; Cherry, Dalziel, Tarry 4; Carter, Webb, Crawford 3; Spooner, Hill 2; Blades 1(1), Moreland, Sheridan 1.

Scorers: Caskey 3; Chesters 3; Bartlett 2; Emson 1.

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PETER RICHARDSON, who lives in Lincoln, began his refereeing in the Lincolnshire League, and progressed to the Football League list via the North Midlands and Midlands Counties Leagues. Has lined in European competition, and in the Texaco Cup. A works director, he is married, and not only plays golf but is the secretary of his local golf club.

JUNIOR RAMS by Steve Stone

IT COSTS 13 YEAR OLD DAVID £11 EVERY TIME HE TRAVELS DOWN TO DERBY . . .

ATTENDANCES at football matches are apparently in a general decline. Many reasons are put forward for it, including the cost of admission, the price of transport, hooliganism, or the lack of success most clubs have to suffer on the field.

I wonder if that last one is a genuine reason. I doubt it, looking at the gates attracted by the current European Champions just "down the road", whose recent attendances have been little above ours.

So when I tell you about a youngster I met at the last home match here against Middlesbrough, there is no doubt one or two supporters are going to have to come up with a new excuse or two for staying away.

When Mrs. Cynthia Summers of Burton branch of DCFC Supporters Club nominated young David McAlonan of Belshill, Scotland, as our very first Junior Rams Member of the Month it was, as they say, a one-horse race from start to finish. I met David outside the ground after his marathon journey from North of the Border which had begun at 7.45 a.m. that morning in Glasgow . . . and, remember, the lad is not yet 14.

He tells me that the train is full of football fans heading south, mainly to watch Liverpool and Manchester Utd. Then there is David, the lone Rams' fan. He arrived at 12.45 in Derby and made his way to the Baseball Ground where he was due to spend the afternoon as our VIP guest. He received his Member of the Month certificate from manager Colin Addison, who really was impressed with the lad's dedication to Derby County which started when Rams were winning things. And he has stayed on as the most loyal of Scottish supporters.

The manager took it on himself to find David a seat near his heroes, and made him feel a real VIP, before the lad had to dash off to catch the 5.30 train back north. David saves all the money he earns from his newspaper round to follow the Rams as often as he can, and that isn't as often as he wants as it is more than £11.00 for him to get down here. If I tell you Mr. Addison made a personal contribution

towards his costs, I trust I am not letting the cat out of the bag, but I rate it a magnificent gesture from the manager.

We are proud to have young David as our Member of the Month, and are rewarding his enthusiasm and dedication by having him back for the Ipswich game on November 17 as our Mascot of the Day.

Do YOU know anyone worthy of nomination as our Member of the Month? Drop me a line with details if you do.

YOU ALREADY know that your Junior Rams membership card entitles you to a free seat at all Reserve and youth team matches. Now it offers even more football for you. You'll find the details in secretary Michael Dunford's column on page four. And make sure your dad or elder brother read it because it concerns them, too.

DON'T FORGET that if you can organise a Birthday Treat Party to the Baseball Ground, and you require four or more seats then TWO of them are FREE under the scheme. You'll also be given a behind-the-scenes tour of the ground, mementoes for all your party, and free gifts for yourself. Ask me about details.

LOOK AT the current edition of *Ram Monthly*, now on sale at newsagents (20p), for details of the future Junior Rams programme provided for you, including the latest news about our Junior Rams Christmas Cracker Spectacular.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Neil Shaw on the 6th; William and Cheryl Allison (8th); Kumar Sutbinder and Clive Murden (9th); Michael Grundy (10th); Roger Harvey, M. Morgan, Mark Holt, Jennifer Walters and Michelle Bennett (11th); Donna Windle, David Henfey and Paul Barlow (12th); Austin Shepherd, Bert O'Sullivan, Nicholas Pepper, Sarah Cleminson and Adrian Vickerage (14th); Matthew Sanders (15th); Toni Kalbis, Ricki Murphy and Simon Morton (16th); Darren Richardson and Munjinder Singh (17th); Kevin Castledine (19th).

TODAY'S MASCOT is COLIN VICKERS of Walpole Street, Derby.

VIP BIRTHDAY CLUB GUESTS today include Adam Page and John Smedley.

THE A. AND N. SHOW RETURNS

DURING two previous chats to supporters manager Colin Addison and assistant John Newman have entertained, impressed and thrilled people who believe that at last Derby County are on the upgrade again.

Now the Duo go to Heanor Miners Welfare on Thursday, October 18 for a sports forum chat to Heanor Branch, with members of all branches cordially invited by Chairman Ivan Cox. Or you can join at the door. The £1.00 subscription for the year could well be the entry charge, but isn't, so good is the entertainment put on by CA and JN, who are humourists into the bargain.

WELCOME to the first woman branch chairman in the DCFC Supporters Clubs. She is Margaret Beresford, who has given so much of her time and effort to Nottingham Branch since she joined two years ago. "She will make a first-rate chairman", says secretary Ron Stevenson who reports twice as many members in the home of the European Champions as last season. Another feather in CA's cap.

NOTTINGHAM now have a sub-branch in the Eastwood and Brinsley areas where a dozen or so enthusiasts approached Ron Stevenson, among them Steve Buckley's father. Keith Ince will be the secretary.

BRANCH officials at Nottingham: Chairman Margaret Beresford; Secretary Ron Stevenson; Vice-Chairman Trevor Cutts, Mike Bylina; Treasurer Roy Watson; Committee John Parker, Colin Shields, Keith Langham.

DIARY

Saturday, October 6: Alfreton branch, sponsored table tennis 24 hours from 7.30 p.m. at the Scout Hut, Mansfield Road, Alfreton. (Tel: Ripley 860139 for details).

Monday, October 15: Belper branch, annual meeting, at the British Legion, Milford, 8 p.m. Business will include the election of a committee and the enrolment of members. All interested are invited to attend.

Thursday, October 18: Heanor branch Sports Forum introducing Colin Addison and John Newman at Heanor Miners Welfare, 8 p.m. All branches invited to attend what should be an outstanding night.

Thursday, October 18: Alfreton branch Social Night at the Station Hotel, Mansfield Road, Alfreton, 8 p.m. Guests: Headquarters branch. All welcome.

Saturday, October 20: Ilkeston branch Cabaret Night. ("Ey Up, Mi Duck"). A Derbyshire evening with Richard Scolline and John Titford at the Mundy Arms, Bath Street, Ilkeston, 8 till midnight.

Saturday, October 20: South Peak branch Dance, Pavilion, Matlock Bath, 8 p.m. Music by Brass Roots. Tickets £2.00 each from secretary and committee.

Saturday, November 3: Alfreton branch Autumn Dance, Christ the King Centre, Alfreton, 8 p.m. Music by Black Rose. Tickets £1.25 in advance, from committee members.

Saturday, November 17: Ilkeston branch dance, Rutland Hotel, Bath Street, Ilkeston, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday, December 1: Nottingham branch outing to Brighton.

Monday, December 3: Nottingham branch dance, BRSA Club, Bestwood Road, Bulwell, Nottingham.

Monday, December 31: Ilkeston branch New Year's Eve party, Mundy Arms, Bath Street, Ilkeston, 8 p.m. to 12.30.

MASCOT ERROR



Ten year old Ian Brailsford of Littleover Lane, Derby (left) was mascot at the Middlesbrough game. The picture that appeared over his name in our last issue was that of 11 year old Alec Briggs of Penkridge, Stafford, to whom we send apologies. He was mascot against Arsenal.

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A Arsenal v Manchester City
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D Crystal Palace v Tottenham
E Leeds United v Ipswich
F Liverpool v Bristol City
G Manchester United v Brighton

H Middlesbrough v W.B.A.
J Norwich City v Stoke City
K Nottingham Forest v Wolves

WELCOME to Keith Osgood, due to sign from Coventry City as we went to press. He went to Highfield Road from Tottenham, where he made more than 100 appearances, two years ago. Welcome, too, to former West Brom and Carlisle manager Alan Ashman, who has been appointed chief scout. Farewell and good luck, to Andy Crawford who joined Blackburn Rovers this week, and to Colin Chesters who has gone to Crewe.

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